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Lon Thomas
Star Stone Quarries, Inc.
4040 South 300 West
Salt Lake City, Utah 84107

Subject: Approval of Partial Surety Release, Star Stone Quarries, Inc., Lion Heart Quarry, S/003/0033, Box Elder County, Utah

Dear Mr. Thomas:

The Division of Oil, Gas and Mining and the Bureau of Land Management have reviewed your request for release of a portion of the surety being held for reclamation of the referenced project. It was determined that \$5000.00 will be retained in the surety held by the Division until revegetation is successful, and that the BLM will release its entire surety in the amount of \$8,545.40. A copy of the Division's release letter to American Safety Casualty Insurance Company is enclosed.

Your request was for full release of the entire site, and you referenced soil and vegetation variances that had been granted with the original permit. These variances applied only to the original proposed area and did not include the area that was ultimately disturbed for this operation. Realizing that there was no soil salvaged for reclamation, the Division is not requiring you to import soil. The regrading (and other reclamation work) performed at the site was inspected and found to be adequate. The Division understands that the area was seeded. Vegetation will need to become established and meet the reclamation success criteria in R647-4-111.13 before full release can be approved.

Because the surety amount is being changed, the reclamation contract also needs to be modified. Please sign the enclosed form MA-RC and return it to the Division.

Please call me at 801-538-5261 or Lynn Kunzler at 801-538-5310 if you have questions or concerns about this letter. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Paul B. Baker
Minerals Program Manager

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Enclosure: Form MA-RC, BLM concurrence letter
cc: Larry Garahana, BLM (lgarahan@BLM.gov)
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